

CLERICAL WAR.

A clerical war is threatened in the Episcopal diocese of California. The election of Rev. Nichols of Philadelphia is the cause of the trouble. The Southern members of the diocesan district claim that the convention was "packed," and they were not allowed a chance to vote.

It is the same the world over; wherever there is an election there is wire pulling and sometimes hair pulling, and there is as much jobbery in the church of the Living God as in a ward convention.

The writer once reported a church convention in San Francisco, and the Bishop announced that there would be a few minutes of "silent prayer" while the delegates invoked the divine spirit on the deliberations of the convention that they might be guided aright. All bowed their heads, and as the writer cast his eye along the line of seats to the left of his, he saw delegates passing ballots back and forth and connubiating, when they should be praying. He never had much confidence in church conventions after that.

These clerical fellows, although they look innocent, are up to snuff, just the same as the worldlings who run politics. There are Boss Buckleys in the churches, as elsewhere, and if they keep on much longer there will be "the blocks of five" racket following the already permanent institution of the midnight caucus.

Black Wallace couldn't hold a candle to some of the jobs put up at a church convention.

THE ICE CROP.—The warm weather for the past few days has caused the ice companies to suspend further work in the line of harvesting ice. There has been ice put up this week. It has been reported all along the Truckee that no ice would be put up at Prosser Creek. Where this report came from no one knows, but certainly it is not true. Sam Williams was up from there to-day and stated that 6,000 tons of ice had been put up by the Sierra Lakes Co. at Prosser Creek. They have two houses full and one partly filled. They will put up no more ice this year. At Boca about 6,000 tons have been housed and there remains about 3,000 tons on the pond. This is yet solid, and should a freeze come soon it will be saved. The Floriston Co. has put up some, but how much is not known. The Tahoe Co. has its ice on the pond yet. It is still sound but will require a freeze before it can be cut. Not over 25,000 tons have been harvested along the river as against 100,000 tons at this date last year. Just now it looks as though the ice crop would fall short of supplying the demand.

WEIGHT OF SNOW.—A cuss who likes to figure for no earthly purpose has been calculating on the weight of snow. He calculates that at the time the snow lay deepest, about eight feet each square foot of ground sustained about 50 pounds weight of snow. A space a little more than six feet square sustains a ton. On one acre there would be 2,178,000 pounds, or 1,089 tons of snow. On a square mile there would be 1,403,960 tons.

COAST NEWS.

Mrs. Moore was killed in Pasadena, Cal., Thursday, by a train.

The hotel at Raymond Station, the railroad terminus for Yosemite travel, was burned last Monday.

E. M. Bennett, formerly a railroad conductor, blew his brains out at Winnemucca recently. His family are in Oakland.

A syndicate, among whose members is D. O. Mills, has purchased the foreign graphophone patents for \$500,000 cash, and has made a combination with Edison by which a new company is being formed to control the machines in all countries outside the United States and Canada.

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